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SUBJECT:DEALING WITH GHORBAL ON SADAT VISIT

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. WE HAVE A FAMILIAR PROBLEM ON WHICH WE NEED YOUR HELP. GHORBAL HAS BEEN PRESSING US TO DISCUSS WITH HIM DETAILED PLANNING FOR THE SADAT VISIT. THE PROBLEM IS THAT HE IS APPARENTLY NOT BEING KEPT FULLY IN THE PICTURE FROM CAIRO. AT THE SAME TIME, NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE APPROACHING HIM WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SEGMENTS OF THE PROGRAM AND HE HAS A NUMBER OF IDEAS WHICH HE WANTS TO FACTOR IN. WE HAVE SO FAR PUT HIM OFF BY SAYING WE ARE STILL SORTING OUT OUR OWN INTERNAL PLANNING, WHICH HAS BEEN TRUE. WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT, HOWEVER, WHERE WE HAVE A DRAFT PROGRAM WHICH WE NEED TO DISCUSS WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

2. OUR PLAN IS TO SEND THIS TO YOU FOR DISCUSSION WITH

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FAHMY. THE QUESTION IS WHAT DO WE NOW DO ABOUT GHORBAL.

IDEALLY, WE SHOULD GIVE HIM A COPY AT THE SAME TIME. HE WILL INEVITABLY BE INVOLVED IN THE VISIT AND CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AT THIS END. IF HE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE PLANNING, HE WILL LET THIS BE KNOWN AROUND TOWN AND I DO NOT NEED TO TELL YOU THE IMPRESSION THAT WILL BE CREATED, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE BREAKDOWNS IN COORDINATION THAT I CAN ENVISAGE.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING WITH GHORBAL THAT WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS WITH FAHMY. WE HAVE CLEARLY REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE ONLY ANSWER IS FOR YOU TO GO TO FAHMY AND ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO ABOUT COORDINATING WITH GHORBAL AT THIS END. I HOPE YOU CAN GET SOME ANSWERS FOR US ON THIS PROBLEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU WITH THIS, BUT IT CAN BECOME A REAL SOURCE OF DIFFICULTY IF WE DO NOT SORT IT OUT QUICKLY. KISSINGER

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